

## EXHIBIT A


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Training And Inspections

Tire and Wheel System Failures

What Is A Zipper Rupture

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**Providing:**

Tire and Wheel Failure Analysis  
Expert Witness Testimony  
Equipment Evaluation  
Plant Surveys  
Troubleshooting  
Plant Analysis  
Fleet Surveys

**Marvin F. Bozarth****Date of Birth** - December 10, 1936, Paris, Missouri USA**High School Graduate** – Mexico, Missouri**Marital Status** – Married**Children** - 3, **Grandchildren** - 1**44-Years Experience In Tire Industry**

- 1955-1958

**U.S. Army Infantry and Armour**

Honor graduate from the U.S. Army Europe Engineering School, specializing in Infrared Sniper Scope Technology.

- 1958-1965

**Missouri Farmers Association Oil Company, Columbia, Missouri**

Plant Manager retreading passenger, truck, farm and off-the road tires.

- 1965-1970

**Community Tire Company, St Louis, Missouri**

General Manager, Retread Division, retreading passenger, truck and off-the road tires.

- 1970-1990

**Purcell Tire Company, Potosi, Missouri**

**Plant Manager** for the first five years. **Vice President** of Manufacturing for fifteen years. Responsible for six retread plants, two of which produced earthmover retreads.

- **1990-2002**

**International Tire & Rubber Association (ITRA), formerly the American Retreaders Association, Louisville, Kentucky.**

Technical Director with responsibilities that included overseeing the design and construction of the state-of-the-art ITRA Headquarters & Training Center.

Promoted to the **Executive Director** position in 1991. Accountable for ITRA activities worldwide. In 2002, resigned Executive Director position to become Senior Technical Consultant.

- **2002-Present**

**Bozarth Tire Industry Consultants LLC, Louisville, Kentucky.**

**Career Activities**

- **Tire Sales and Service** — Experienced in sales and service for all types of tires, including passenger, truck, farm and earthmover.
- **Retread Product Sales and Service** — Developed custom designed machinery and molds for retreading truck and earthmover tires.
- **Tire Machinery and Mold Design for Retreading** — Installed and managed several large truck and earthmover retread plants.
- **Tire Service, Retreading and Sales Personnel Training and Supervision** — Installed and maintained single-phase and 3-phase electrical systems as well as various steam and air systems.
- **Tire Delivery Truck Fleet Management** —
- **Electrical, Steam and Air System Knowledge**
- **Retread Facility Fire and Explosion Investigation**
- **Retread Industry Equipment Installation**
- **Tire Industry Training Program Development and Implementation** (programs conducted in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Brazil, Russia, Trinidad and Romania) — These programs covered subjects from association management to tire analysis, and nearly all other issues in the tire industry.
- **U.S. Government Agency Tire Training Program Development and Implementation** — Developed a tire service and maintenance training program for the Department of Defense on tactical Military tires.
- **Products Liability Court Cases Expert Witness** — Provide testimony on cases involving all types of tire and wheel systems.

- **Editor, *The Tire Retreading/Repair Journal* and *Industry Update Publications*** — Wrote in-depth articles on tire sales, service, manufacturing and industry trends for nine years.

#### **Industry Involvement**

**American Society for Testing and Materials F9 Committee**

**Member, Society of Automotive Engineers**

Off-the-Road Tire & Rim Committee

**Member, Society Automotive Engineers**

J2014 Committee for Tactical Military Tires

**Board Member, Tire Retread Information Bureau**

**Past Chairman, Retread Industry Government Advisory Council**

**Past Member, ITRA Advisory Council**

**Past Executive Director of the International Tire & Rubber Association**, formerly the American Retreaders Association

#### **Awards**

**1991 ITRA Industry Recognition Award Recipient**